

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application.

Claims 1-3 and 6-12 are pending in the application. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 7. Claims 3, 6 and 9-12 have been allowed.

I. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,408,191 to Blanchard et al. (“Blanchard”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,320,943 to Borland (“Borland”). The Examiner has rejected claims 2 and 8 as being unpatentable over Blanchard in view of Borland, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,125,287 to Cushman (“Cushman”).

Claims 1 and 7:

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 7 as being unpatentable over Blanchard in view of Borland. The Examiner asserts that Blanchard discloses all of the essential limitations of claims 1 and 7 except that Blanchard does not disclose that the data retrieved are displayed in a predetermined sequence together with the total number of times that a number represented by an item of the retrieved data called the portable telephone set.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 7 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the predetermined sequence is determined by a user of the portable telephone set. Similarly, claim 7 has been amended to recite that the predetermined sequence is determined by a user of the portable telephone set.

The present invention, as recited in amended claims 1 and 7, is directed to a system and method for retrieving and displaying telephone diary data in a portable telephone set.

Amended claim 1 recites a retrieved telephone number displaying method for a portable telephone set for retrieving telephone numbers comprising the steps of retrieving at least one telephone diary data from a memory of said portable telephone set, affixing a serial number for each retrieved telephone diary data and displaying said retrieved telephone diary data and said serial number in a display of said portable telephone set, wherein the data retrieved are displayed in a predetermined sequence together with the serial number being a number of times that a number represented by an item of the retrieved data called the portable telephone set and was called by the portable telephone set, said predetermined sequence determined by a user of said portable telephone set. Claim 7 has been amended to recite a portable telephone set comprising a CPU, a memory for storing such data as telephone numbers and names, and a display for storing the stored data, wherein the CPU retrieves the data stored in the memory in a predetermined sequence, and displays the data retrieved in a predetermined sequence together with the serial number of the retrieved data, the serial number being a number of times that a number represented by an item of the retrieved data called the portable telephone set and was called by the portable telephone set, said predetermined sequence determined by a user of said portable telephone set.

The telephone diary is displayed to the user with the telephone number, the person, and a serial number. The serial number is a count of the number of times that the person has been called by the user and the number of times that the person has called the user. Additionally, the sequence of retrieval of the telephone number diary is determined by the user of the portable telephone set.

Blanchard is directed to an arrangement for displaying Short Message Services screens to portable telephone sets. The Examiner admits that Blanchard does not disclose that the data retrieved are displayed in a predetermined sequence with the total number of cases of the retrieved data. Additionally, Blanchard does not disclose a predetermined sequence determined by a user of the portable telephone set.

The shortcomings of Blanchard are not overcome by Borland. Borland is directed to a directory method and system for a communication device where caller ID is utilized for storage and retrieval. Borland teaches that a directory (such as in a PBX) may be accessed by a user to look up a specific person within a PBX exchange. Borland also teaches that a directory look up may be prioritized by the user of the telephone set. However, since the directory resides at the PBX exchange (rather than in a memory on the portable telephone set) the retrieved data is not retrieved "from a memory of the portable telephone set" as required by claim 1. Similarly, since the directory resides at the PBX exchange, there is no retrieval of the data stored in the memory of the portable telephone set as required by claim 7. Thus, the hypothetical combination of Blanchard and Borland would not result in or teach terming the priority sequence by the user of the telephone set.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that a combination of Blanchard and Borland does not teach or suggest every claimed feature of the invention. The prior art reference (or references) must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. In re Vaeck, 947 F.2d 488 (Fed. Cir. 1991). Since a prima facie case of obviousness has not been set forth, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 7 are allowable over the cited references.

Claims 2 and 8:

The Examiner has rejected claims 2 and 8 as being unpatentable over Blanchard in view of Borland and further in view of Cushman.

Claims 2 and 8 depend from claims 1 and 7, which have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the predetermined sequence is determined by a user of the portable telephone set. Similarly, claim 7 has been amended to recite that the predetermined sequence is determined by a user of the portable telephone set.

The present invention, as recited in amended claims 1 and 7, is directed to a system and method for retrieving and displaying telephone diary data in a portable telephone set. Amended claim 1 recites a retrieved telephone number displaying method for a portable telephone set for retrieving telephone numbers comprising the steps of retrieving at least one telephone diary data from a memory of said portable telephone set, affixing a serial number for each retrieved telephone diary data and displaying said retrieved telephone diary data and said serial number in a display of said portable telephone set, wherein the data retrieved are displayed in a predetermined sequence together with the serial number being a number of times that a number represented by an item of the retrieved data called the portable telephone set and was called by the portable telephone set, said predetermined sequence determined by a user of said portable telephone set. Claim 7 has been amended to recite a portable telephone set comprising a CPU, a memory for storing such data as telephone numbers and names, and a display for storing the stored data, wherein the CPU retrieves the data stored in the memory in a predetermined sequence, and displays the data retrieved in a predetermined sequence together with the serial number of the retrieved data, the serial number being a number of times that a number

represented by an item of the retrieved data called the portable telephone set and was called by the portable telephone set, said predetermined sequence determined by a user of said portable telephone set.

The telephone diary is displayed to the user with the telephone number, the person, and a serial number. The serial number is a count of the number of times that the person has been called by the user and the number of times that the person has called the user. Additionally, the sequence of retrieval of the telephone number diary is determined by the user of the portable telephone set.

Blanchard is directed to an arrangement for displaying Short Message Services screens to portable telephone sets. The Examiner admits that Blanchard does not disclose that the data retrieved are displayed in a predetermined sequence with the total number of cases of the retrieved data. Additionally, Blanchard does not disclose a predetermined sequence determined by a user of the portable telephone set.

The shortcomings of Blanchard are not overcome by Borland or Cushman. Borland is directed to a directory method and system for a communication device where caller ID is utilized for storage and retrieval. Borland teaches that a directory (such as in a PBX) may be accessed by a user to look up a specific person within a PBX exchange. Borland also teaches that a directory look up may be prioritized by the user of the telephone set. However, since the directory resides at the PBX exchange (rather than in a memory on the portable telephone set) the retrieved data is not retrieved "from a memory of the portable telephone set" as required by claim 1. Similarly, since the directory resides at the PBX exchange, there is no retrieval of the data stored in the memory of the portable telephone set as required by claim 7.


Cushman is directed to a user interface for a portable telephone set. However, Cushman does not disclose or suggest that the utilization numbers are displayed with the person's calling data, as required by claims 2 and 8.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that a combination of Blanchard, Borland and Cushman does not teach or suggest every claimed feature of the invention. The prior art reference (or references) must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. In re Vaeck, 947 F.2d 488 (Fed. Cir. 1991). Since a prima facie case of obviousness has not been set forth, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2 and 8 are allowable over the cited references.

II. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims 1-3 and 6-12 are now in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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